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DEPARTMENT PASS AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM HUMES

E. O. 11652, GDS

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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC: DR. LEITNER, AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR-
DESIGNATE TO PEKING.

1. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE TO PEKING, DR. FRANZ HELMUT LEITNER, GOOD PERSONAL FRIEND, CALLED ON ME TODAY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR POST ON GOOD FRIDAY.
 2. AMBASSADOR LEITNER IS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES, HAVING SERVED AS CONSUL AND CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK 1948-1953. HE HAS JUST RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN OF IMPORTANT AUSTRO- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND HAS SERVED FOR PAST 27 YEARS AS BOARD MEMBER OF AUSTRO- AMERICAN SOCIETY. HE WAS FOR YEARS AMEMBER OF THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION IN AUSTRIA.
 3. BORN IN VIENNA IN 1909, HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE DISTINGUISHED VIENNA CONSULAR ACADEMY (HONORS 1930), OF UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA (LL. D 1933), AND OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN GENEVA.
 4. HE HAS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, CANADA AND IN BRUSSELS.
 5. HE IS A DELIGHTFUL, EXTREMELY ABLE AND CULTURED GENTLEMAN
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WHO WILL BE A DISTINCT ADDITION TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN PEKING.
HE IS, OF COURSE, FLUENT IN ENGLISH. HUMES

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